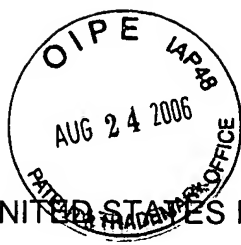


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Sir :

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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